ROUND 15

PERTH GLORY

		PG Games	PG Goals	NSL Games	NSL Goals
1	Jason PETKOVIC	42	0	197	0
2	Robert TRAJKOVSKI	70	4	156	6
3	Jamie HARNWELL	67	7	67	7
4	Ljubo MILICEVIC	18	3	18	3
5	Vinko BULJUBASIC	59	1	146	4
6	Gareth NAVEN (c)	122	5	134	5
7	Scott MILLER	129	11	178	14
8	Brad MALONEY	9	3	246	65
9	Alistair EDWARDS	52	20	132	30
10	Bobby DESPOTOVSKI	114	47	137	57
11	Kasey WEHRMAN	26	1	78	7
12	Peter BULJAN	21	1	88	22
13	Anthony DANZE	0	0	0	0
14	Dion VALLE	28	0	28	0
15	Edgar ALDRIGHI JR	47	1	47	1
16	Damian MORI	13	10	312	158
17	Gary FARIA	10	1	10	1
18	Shane PRYCE	13	1	142	18
19	John CARBONE	36	1	36	1
20	Tony FRANKEN	39	0	278	0
21	PJ ROBERTS	3	0	40	1
22	Antonio NAGLIERI	0	0	0	0
23	Craig DEANS	20	1	56	2
24	Aaron COLE	0	0	0	0
30	Tommi TOMICH	0	0	0	0

Coach – Bernd STANGE
Dev. Manager – Mich d'AVRAY

CANBERRA COSMOS

		CC Games	CC Goals	NSL Games	NSL Goals
1	Angelo KONSTANTINOU	19	0	19	0
2	Con ANTHOPOULOS	1	0	97	3
3	Toplica POPOVICH	112	4	112	4
4	Andrew RAVANELLO	30	0	42	0
5	Nicholas PURDUE	45	1	46	1
6	Naoki IMAYA	13	3	13	3
7	Mark HAGGER	12	4	12	4
8	David MILIN	48	2	48	2
9	Alex CASTRO	39	9	110	13
10	Jon ANGELUCCI	13	5	44	11
11	David ARRANZ	43	2	43	2
12	Milton CORTES	4	0	4	0
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14	Andrew RAKIC	8	0	18	0
15	Marcus PHILLIPS	8	2	63	5
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17	Robbie HOOKER (c)	43	0	370	20
18	Brad SCOTT	11	2	11	2
19	Hiroshi MIYAZAWA	10	0	10	0
20	Barney SMITH	11	0	13	0
23	Dom LABUTTE	1	0	1	0

Coach – Tom SERMANNI
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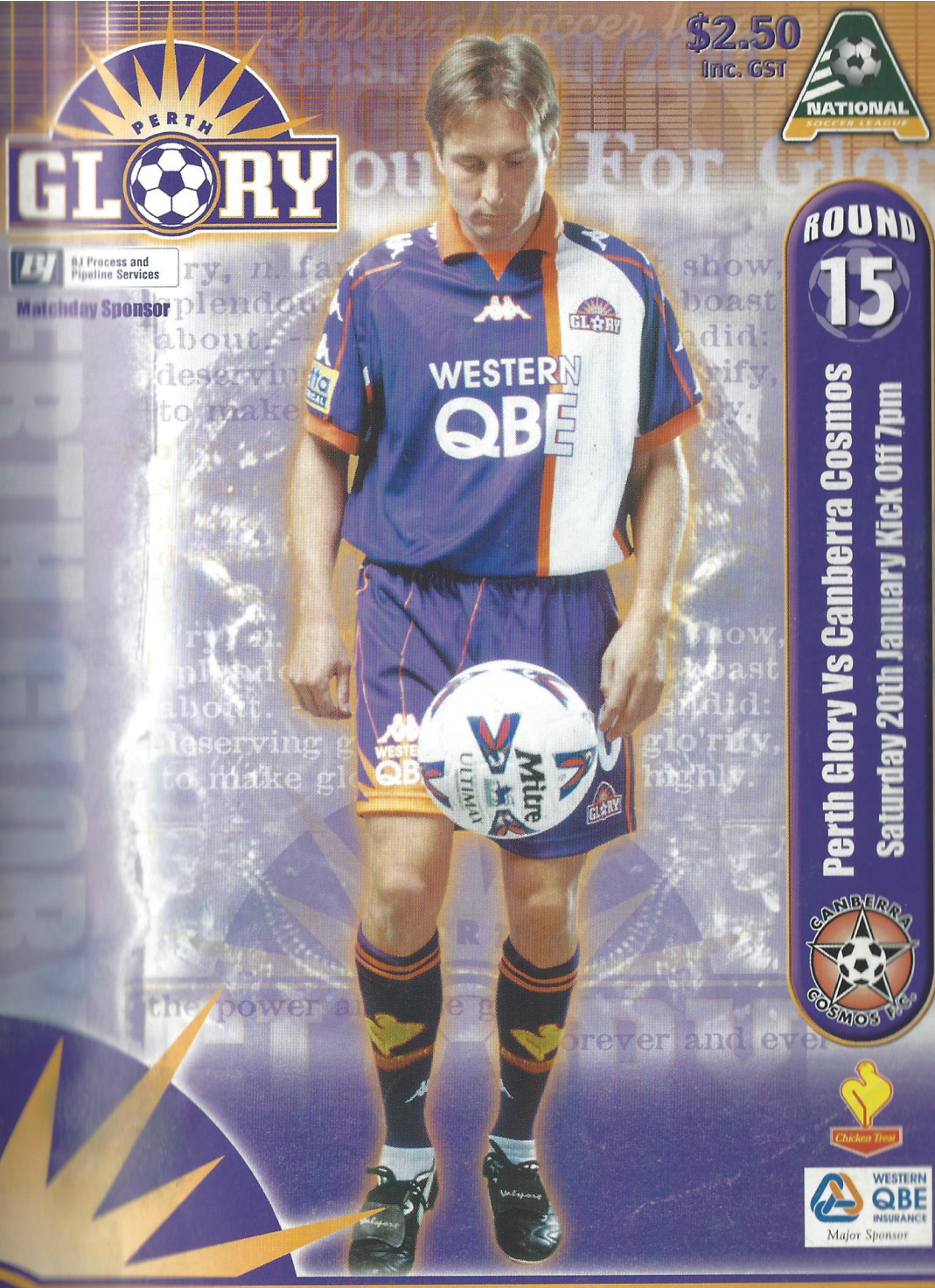

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The Glory boys celebrate after a record seven-goal haul in front of an ecstatic home crowd.

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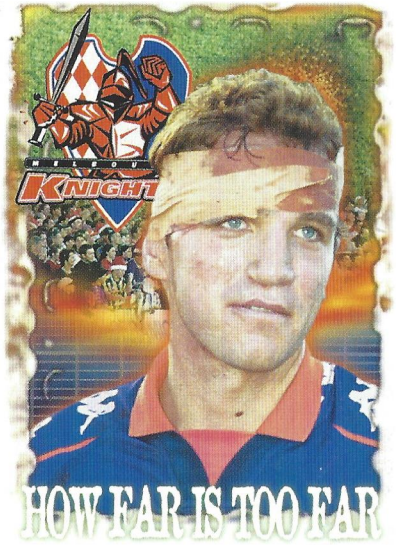
KNIGHTS OF FEAR

As Ljubo Milicevic said after the Glory's Round 12 draw against Melbourne Knights, 1-1 was "a good result". In fact, funny as it might sound, it could almost be seen as better than a win - at least in terms of the safety of the Perth players, officials and fans.



When one thinks of hostile or intimidating venues in world soccer, the likes of Galatasaray, whose infamous banner reading "Welcome to Hell" greeted Manchester United in a Champions League match a few seasons ago, spring to mind. There are, of course, other stadiums that are intimidating in different ways - through their sheer size and volume of support or maybe because of the home side's reputation, such as the San Siro in Italy, home of Inter and AC Milan or Barcelona's Nou Camp.

But for anyone who's played there, Knights Stadium, home of Melbourne Knights, is about as intimidating on a personal safety level as any ground in any sport in Australia.

They definitely don't get the largest crowds in the NSL, with an average of about 5,000 this season, but those who are there, certainly make their presence felt, as the Glory have discovered on several occasions, most recently in that clash three weeks ago.

As the teams left the field, full bottles and cans were pelted at the Perth players, with one narrowly missing Kasey Wehrman's head. That's not to say these things don't happen at any other NSL grounds, but the worrying thing is that, from all reports, nobody there (security and crowd controllers) seemed in any sort of a hurry whatsoever to stop it.

There was also a decent number of Perth supporters who'd made the journey to Victoria and one of them said a security guard had actually told him he couldn't guarantee his safety at the game, while one female Glory fan was hit on the head by one of about a dozen firecrackers, as Knights fans showered the visiting supporters with stones and spittle. What sort of a way is this to attract new fans to the game?

According to another of the travelling Glory fans, when a lit flare was tossed into the Perth contingent, the security man just picked it up and handed it back to the perpetrators.

Everyone likes their home ground to be a place visiting sides fear and are afraid to come to - how many times has Bernd Stange referred to Perth Oval as "The Cauldron of Fear"? But while it might be a fine line sometimes between fanaticism or patriotism and going one step too far, there's clearly a boundary between pure thuggery and physically threatening a fan or player's safety.

It's not the first time events like this have happened at this particular ground but it won't be the last time either because, despite repeated warnings and all clubs' match programmes having to clearly display ground rules and conditions (see bottom of page three), nothing has come out of the incident yet.

Several letters to Soccer Australia, including one from the Glory itself and several fans who were there, have seen no repercussions or disciplinary action, and the only likely result is to continue to see this sort of behaviour mar the game in Australia and turn away potential supporters.

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MORE STARS THAN COSMOS?

What's this? Canberra Cosmos close to the business end of the NSL ladder. That's a sight that hasn't been seen for some time, but it underlines that the determined players from the nation's capital will demand to be taken very seriously indeed when they stride out at Perth Oval tonight.

The Cosmos have never won in Perth, but they've gone very close a couple of times and their current form suggests they will be capable of pushing Bernd Stange's troops all the way.

The squad has been considerably boosted with the addition of former Uruguayan international midfielder Milton Cortes, ex-Carlton player Con Anthopoulos and two Japanese players, Hiroshi Miyazawa and Naoki Imaya.

The Cosmos have also been more competitive on the road than at their home base of Bruce Stadium this season, winning three times outside the ACT... 2-0 over Northern Spirit, 3-2 over Wollongong and 3-2 over Parramatta...and drawing twice.

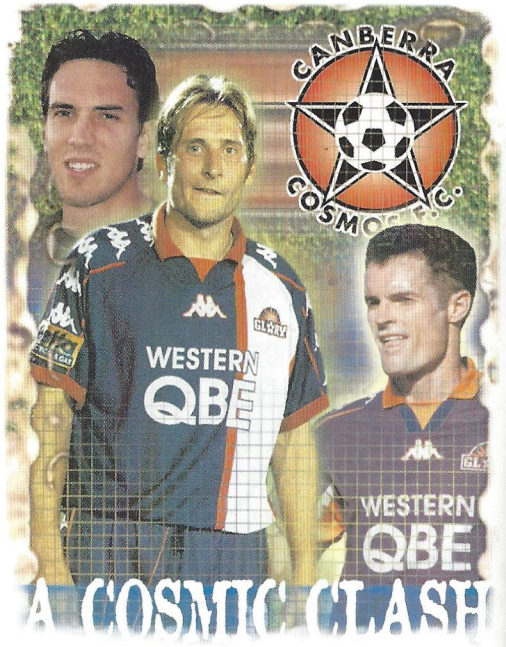
Coach Tom Sermanni, who took over the Canberra reins towards the end of the 1998/99 season after a stint with the Australian women's team, has achieved near miracles on a shoestring budget and his teams always demand respect.

Sermanni's first visit to Perth almost two years ago saw the Cosmos match the Glory for long spells and unluckily go down 3-1 when the home side was fortunate not to concede two penalties in a hectic finish. Alistair Edwards pulled the Glory out of the fire that day with two late strikes after Bobby Despotovski had scored in the first half. Ivo de Jesus was the Canberra scorer.

That performance was an amazing transformation from the one that the Cosmos had produced when it gave up home ground advantage (because of renovation work at Bruce Stadium) to come to Perth Oval in November, 1998, and go away feeling sore and sorry after a 5-1 hammering. Rale Rasic was the Canberra coach on that occasion and he praised two-goal hero John Markovski.

Interestingly, Canberra's goal that day was scored by Peter Buljan, who is now with the Glory.

The Cosmos managed a 1-1 draw, its best result in Perth, in the 1997/98 season when Ivan Zelic scored in the second half after Gareth Naven had given the Glory the lead.



And last season it twice pushed Perth very close, drawing 1-1 in Canberra (goalscorers Toplica Popovich for the home side and Con Boutsianis for the Glory) after Edgar was red-carded just before the break and losing 3-2 in a thriller in Perth on the day that the besieged Stange was given a reprieve as coach last February.

It took two goals again from Edwards to see the Glory home safely. Boutsianis was the other scorer, while de Jesus got both Canberra goals from the penalty spot.

Bobby Despotovski has the best strike record against Canberra with five goals. His best was a double in the 6-0 win in the Glory's first season in the NSL.

By Mel Moffat
of *The West Australian*

The Coaches' Thoughts On Tonight's Big Match:

Bernd STANGE: : "Three points are a must for Perth Glory, because we have never had problems with Canberra at home."

Tom SERMANNI: "A daunting trip west, where I hope we can continue our good form against the top teams in the league."

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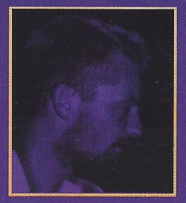
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Perth Glory 4-1

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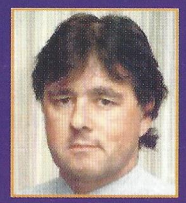
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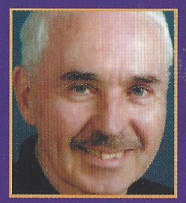
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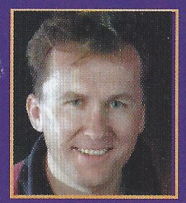
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LAST ROUND IN REVIEW

PARRAMATTA POWER 2 PERTH GLORY 3

A last-minute penalty by Bobby Despotovski saw the Glory pinch all three points after Parramatta dominated the second half. Perth started brightly and Damian Mori put them ahead after 34 minutes with a clinical finish from just inside the area but Joe Miller equalised immediately from the spot after Jason Petkovic brought down Joel Griffiths. Alex Tobin and Peter Bennett both had efforts cleared off the line for the Power before Kasey Wehrman put the visitors back in front with a wonderful curling free-kick from 25 yards. Again Miller levelled with a tap in after good work from Griffiths. The home team pressed relentlessly for a winner before Tobin up-ended Despotovski in the box and the Glory striker slotted home the winner.

NEWCASTLE UNITED 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1

Sydney skipper Ante Juric proved his team's hero as he scored a spectacular injury-time winner at Newcastle to give Olympic three vital points. The home side had looked good value for a point for most of the game and looked set to extend their unbeaten run to four matches before Juric, who got through the 90 minutes with the help of a pain-killing injection, curled a left-foot strike from 25 yards past Bob Catlin. Newcastle had several excellent chances to take the lead themselves, the best wasted by Todd McManus who failed to score from close range with Olympic keeper Clint Bolton sprawled on the ground. Anthony Magnacca wasted a couple of good opportunities and also saw Bolton superbly tip his free-kick over the bar.

CANBERRA COSMOS 1 ADELAIDE CITY FORCE 1

Adelaide missed the chance to return from the capital with all three points after they were held to a 1-1 draw by a dogged Canberra. The Cosmos generally had the better of a goalless first half with Uruguayan striker Milton Cortes at the centre of many of their attacking moves. Just before the interval he combined with Alex Castro but the home side were left frustrated as Castro's shot crashed against the upright. Adelaide came out firing after the break and on 61 minutes Claudio Pelosi made it 1-0. But with time running out, Canberra substitute Mark Hagger headed powerfully past Adrian Cagalj to score his fourth goal of the season and make it 1-1. Jon Angelucci almost pinched the win for the Cosmos but his injury-time header flew just over.

SYDNEY UNITED 1 EASTERN PRIDE 0

Sydney United overcame cellar-dwellers Eastern Pride in an uninspiring battle to register their first win since Round 3. Substitute Ante Deur scored after 57 minutes and, despite a late flurry of chances for both sides, it proved to be the only goal of the match. Zlatko Arambasic was unlucky not to make it 2-0 after 77 minutes but his effort came back off the post and veteran Francis Awaritefe squandered the rebound. The visitors were then denied by the woodwork with John Hutchinson the unlucky player. Daniel Watkins had a late chance to make certain of the points but he steered a header straight to Pride keeper Steve Tolios. It didn't matter in the end though, as poor old Eastern Pride remain rooted at the bottom with just one victory all season.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 3 FOOTBALL KINGZ 0

South Melbourne moved four points clear at the top of the table after cruising to a 3-0 win against the Football Kingz - their first victory against the Kiwis in three attempts. Coach Mike Petersen could even afford the luxury of leaving recent signing and former Carlton star Simon Colosimo on the bench until the second half, as his side kept a clean sheet for a remarkable fifth straight match. Skipper Paul Trimboli opened the scoring from the penalty spot after 18 minutes, before Vas Kalogeracos made it 2-0, 13 minutes later. New Zealand international Vaughan Coveny rubbed salt into his countrymen's wounds when he completed the scoring 16 minutes from time to ensure Souths remain unbeaten since Round 2.

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS 1 MARCONI STALLIONS 4

A sizzling second half saw the Stallions demolish Melbourne Knights 4-1 and climb back into the top six, as Archie Thompson continued his golden summer with two more goals. But it was the Knights who went into the break ahead when Joel Porter finished brilliantly after being put through by Andy Vargas. Kris Trajanovski and Thompson combined just after the break to make it 1-1. However, the turning point came after 65 minutes when Knights skipper Andrew Marth saw his penalty blocked by David Aceski. Soon after, the Stallions scored two quick goals on the counter, Thompson beat several opponents before finishing superbly, then Christian Care scored in similar style, before a thunderbolt from Royce Brownlie completed the scoring.

WOLLONGONG WOLVES V NORTHERN SPIRIT - POSTPONED

BRISBANE STRIKERS BYE 3-0 WIN

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NSL STATISTICS

LEAGUE TABLE AND FIXTURES

LEAGUE TABLE AFTER ROUND 14

TEAM	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
South Melbourne*	14	8	4	1	29	8	31	+21
Perth Glory*	14	7	3	3	32	15	27	+17
Wollongong Wolves*	13	7	3	2	27	16	27	+11
Sydney Olympic*	14	7	3	3	23	13	27	+10
Marconi Stallions *	14	5	5	3	21	13	23	+8
Adelaide City Force*	14	6	2	5	24	25	23	–1
Parramatta Power	14	7	1	6	22	19	22	+3
Northern Spirit*	13	4	4	4	16	13	19	+3
Sydney United*	14	4	4	5	19	23	19	–4
Canberra Cosmos*	14	4	3	6	24	23	18	+1
Melbourne Knights*	14	4	3	6	22	24	18	–2
Football Kingz*	14	3	3	7	20	25	15	–5
Brisbane Strikers*	14	3	4	6	21	27	13	–6
Newcastle United*	14	1	6	6	12	23	12	–11
Eastern Pride*	14	1	4	8	18	24	10	–6

* Already awarded a 3-0 win bye due to Carlton's withdrawal.

FIXTURES THIS ROUND

POSTPONED	Adelaide City Force	V	Wollongong Wolves	Hindmarsh Stadium
Fri 19 - Jan - 01	Northern Spirit	V	South Melbourne	North Sydney Oval
Fri 19 - Jan - 01	Newcastle United	V	Melbourne Knights	Marathon Stadium
Fri 19 - Jan - 01	Football Kingz	V	Sydney United	Ericsson Stadium
Sat 20 - Jan - 01	Eastern Pride	V	Sydney Olympic	Mobil Park
Sat 20 - Jan - 01	Marconi Stallions	V	Brisbane Strikers	Marconi Stadium
	Parramatta Power		BYE	

FIXTURES NEXT ROUND

Fri 26 - Jan - 01	Northern Spirit	V	Sydney United	North Sydney Oval
Fri 26 - Jan - 01	Newcastle United	V	Eastern Pride	Marathon Stadium
Fri 26 - Jan - 01	Football Kingz	V	Sydney Olympic	Ericsson Stadium
Sat 27 - Jan - 01	Perth Glory	V	Wollongong Wolves	Perth Oval
Sat 27 - Jan - 01	Marconi Stallions	V	Parramatta Power	Marconi Stadium
Sun 28 - Jan - 01	Melbourne Knights	V	Brisbane Strikers	Knights Stadium
Sun 28 - Jan - 01	South Melbourne	V	Adelaide City Force	Bob Jane Stadium
	Canberra Cosmos		BYE	

NSL STATISTICS

LEADING GOALSCORERS

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE'S LEADING GOALSCORERS

Player	Club	Last Week	Total
Damian MORI	Perth Glory	1	10
Joe MILLER	Parramatta Power	2	9
Archie THOMPSON	Carlton/Marconi Stallions	2	9
Ben BURGESS	Northern Spirit	-	7
Scott CHIPPERFIELD	Wollongong Wolves	-	7
Bobby DESPOTOVSKI	Perth Glory	1	7
Andy VLAHOS	South Melbourne	-	7

PERTH GLORY'S LEADING GOALSCORERS

Player	Last Week	Total
Damian MORI	1	10
Bobby DESPOTOVSKI	1	7
Brad MALONEY	-	3

NSL STATISTICS

CROWD COMPARISON

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE CROWD COMPARISON

Round 14 (2000/2001)	**29,779**
Round 14 (1999/2000)	**42,387**
Cumulative after Round 14 (2000/2001)	**515,278**
Cumulative after Round 14 (1999/2000)	**605,713**

PERTH GLORY HOME CROWD COMPARISON

Perth Glory v Canberra Cosmos (1999/2000)	**13,158**
Perth Glory v Canberra Cosmos BEST CROWD (1998/99)	**13,943**

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Date	Opponents	H/A	F-A	Att	1 Jason PETKOVIC	2 Rob TRAJKOVSKI	3 Jamie HARNWELL	4 Ljubo MILICEVIC	5 Vinko BULJUBASIC	6 Gareth NAVEN	7 Scott MILLER	8 Brad MALONEY	9 Alistair EDWARDS	10 Bobby DESPOTOVSKI	11 Kasey WEHRMAN	12 Peter BULJAN	13 Anthony DANZE	14 Dion VALLE	15 Edgar JUNIOR	16 Damian MORI	17 Gary FARIA	18 Shane PRYCE	19 John CARBONE	20 Tony FRANKEN	21 PJ ROBERTS	22 Antonio NAGLIERI	23 Craig DEANS
Sat 14 Oct	Wollongong Wolves	A	1-1	5443			4	S						Y					Y								
Sat 21	South Melbourne	H	1-0	14081		R						17			Y					Y	S						
Sun 29	Sydney United	A	1-2	5483		X	T				19	12		Y	Y	S		T				T	S				
Sat 4 Nov	Sydney Olympic	H	1-1	12894		X		S						T	Y	S			Y	12	4						
Sat 11	Eastern Pride	A	3-2	1846						14	Y	T				S				21		T	S				
Sat 18	Football Kingz	H	5-1	11909		17	14					17 2		Y 12		Y S		S		3	S						
Fri 24	Northern Spirit	A	0-2	5764						Y 12						S					S						
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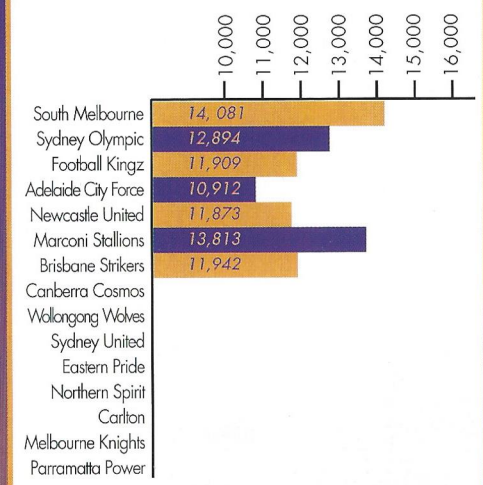

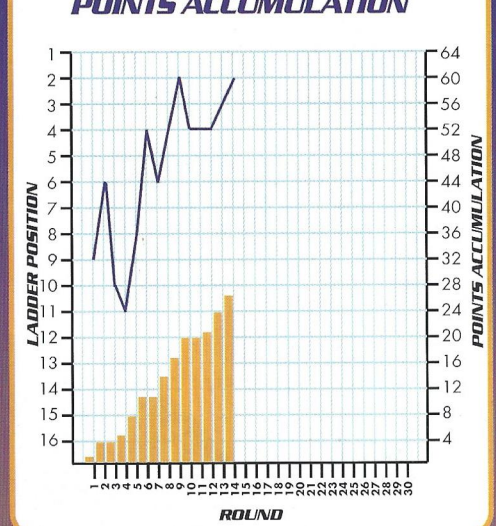

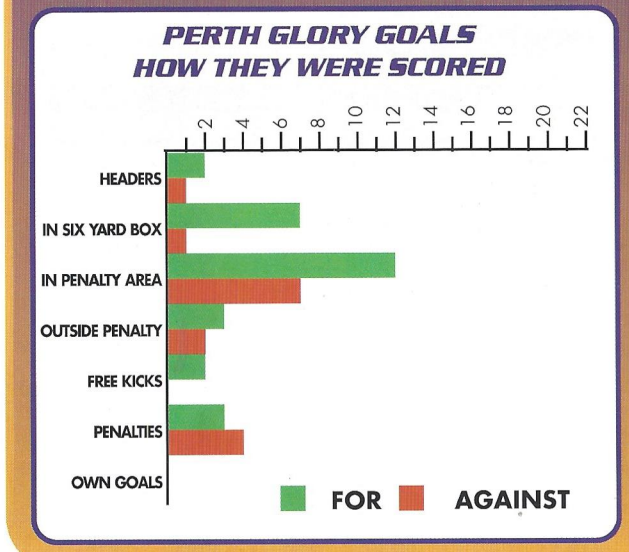

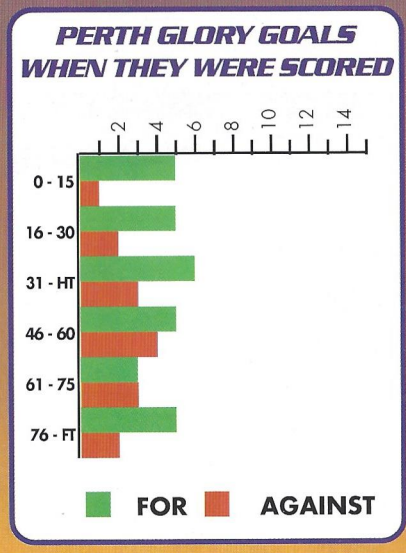

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CLUB HISTORY

Canberra Cosmos were formed as a completely new entity to the NSL in 1995. The club is backed by the ACT Soccer Federation, local soccer clubs Belconnen United and Canberra Deakin and corporate sponsors. Between 1977 and 1986 Canberra had a national league club - Canberra City - who were formed specifically for entry to the NSL. Despite playing in front of some relatively big crowds for their time, the team only enjoyed limited playing success - their best season coming in 1981 when they finished sixth in a 16 team league. The sometimes large crowds suggested an underlying support for the code in the nation's capital. Despite predictions to the contrary Canberra Cosmos finished respectably in their first NSL season. By ending the 1995/96 season in ninth position, they performed better than more experienced teams Wollongong, Newcastle and Morwell Falcons. Canberra's following seasons have generally been far more forgettable. However, in finishing last in 1996/97, the club ended the season a record 16 points behind the second-last team. They also set another unwanted record, losing an unprecedented 12 consecutive NSL games between March and November 1997. But perhaps the most amazing, yet again unwanted NSL record was set when the Cosmos went 46 games without winning away from home between December 1995 and March 1999. Despite positive starts to the last two seasons, Canberra have failed to live up to early hopes and again this season are now unlikely to be a threat to the top six.

Major signings: Barney Smith and John Angelucci (both from Power),
Major losses: PJ Roberts (Glory), Harry James (Olympic), Andrew Clark (Power)

HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD (ALL NSL MATCHES)

v Opponent	P	W	D	L	F	A	Best result	Worst result
v Adelaide City Force	11	1	1	9	5	19	3-0	0-6
v Brisbane Strikers	12	1	3	8	11	24	2-1	1-4
v Carlton	9	1	0	8	5	21	2-0	1-5
v Eastern Pride	12	3	6	3	16	13	5-0	1-3
v Football Kingz	3	1	0	2	3	6	2-1	0-2
v Marconi Stallions	12	1	2	9	11	22	3-2	0-2
v Melbourne Knights	12	2	5	5	16	25	3-0	0-5
v Newcastle	12	4	4	4	21	24	3-0	1-2
v Northern Spirit	5	3	0	2	7	6	2-0	1-3
v Parramatta Power	3	3	0	0	7	4	3-2	1-0
v Perth Glory	8	1	2	5	11	22	4-1	0-6
v South Melbourne	12	3	4	5	19	22	4-2	1-3
v Sydney Olympic	14	1	3	10	19	32	8-1	0-5
v Sydney United	12	1	4	7	13	30	3-0	2-7
v Wollongong Wolves	12	4	1	7	16	35	3-1	0-8

PERTH GLORY V CANBERRA COSMOS PREVIOUS RESULTS

1996/97	In Perth	Glory	6	Cosmos	0
	In Canberra	Cosmos	4	Glory	1
1997/98	In Perth	Glory	1	Cosmos	1
	In Canberra	Cosmos	1	Glory	2
1998/99	In Perth	Glory	5	Cosmos	1
	In Perth*	Glory	3	Cosmos	1
!999/2000	In Canberra	Cosmos	1	Glory	1
	In Perth	Glory	3	Cosmos	2

* Canberra home match switched to Perth

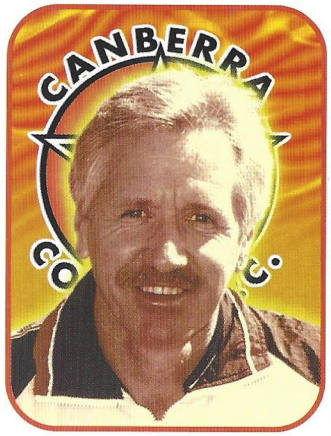
COACH PROFILE
Tom Sermanni

Coaching career - National Soccer League

Seasons	Club	Games	W-D-L
1993/94	Sydney Olympic	09	05-02-02
1998/99-99/00-00/01	Canberra Cosmos	63	17-14-32
TOTAL NSL		**72**	**22-16-34**

Coaching career - other clubs

Seasons	Club	League
1988-91	Canberra City/Metro	New South Wales



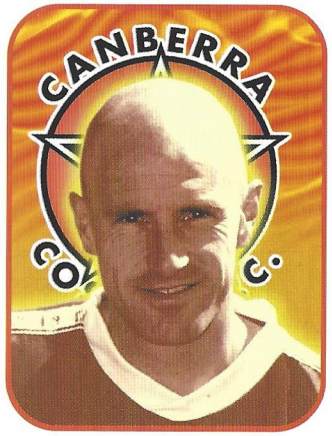
Five facts about Tom Sermanni

- Born in Scotland
- Played for Albion Rovers (Scotland), Christchurch United (New Zealand), Blackpool and Torquay (England) and Marconi and Canberra City (NSL)
- Coached the Australian Schoolboys team between 1989 and 1991
- Coached the Australian Women's national between 1994 and 1996
- Was assistant coach to Eddie Thomson at San Frecce (Japan) between 1996 and 1998

CAPTAIN PROFILE
Robert Hooker

Playing career - National Soccer League

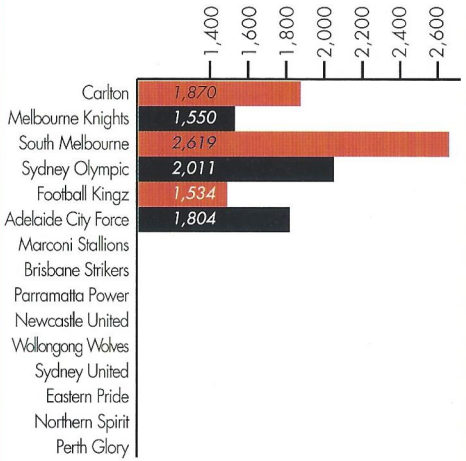
Seasons	Club	Games	Goals
1986	Sydney City	15	0
1987-91/92	Sydney Olympic	144	2
1992/93-96/97	Adelaide Sharks	133	16
1997/98	Sydney United	23	1
1998/99	Marconi Stallions	12	1
1999/00-00/01	Canberra Cosmos	43	0
TOTAL NSL		**370**	**20**



Five facts about Robert Hooker

- Australian Institute of Sport scholarship holder 1984 to 1985
- Represented Australia at the 1985 World Youth Cup (under 20) finals in the USSR
- Captained Sydney Olympic to their one and only NSL championship in 1989/90
- Played 22 games and scored two goals for the Socceroos between 1990 and 1998
- The seventh most experienced NSL player of all time with 370 games

CROWDS AT BRUCE STADIUM



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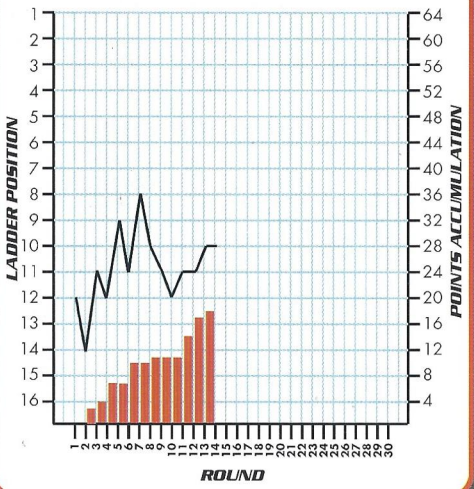


CANBERRA COSMOS' FORM GUIDE

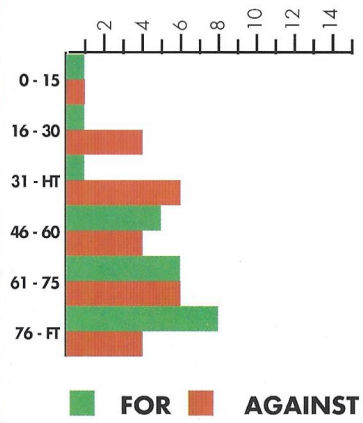
Last five results:

Rnd 14 v Adelaide City Force (H)	- Drew 1-1
Rnd 13 v Northern Spirit (A)	- Won 2-0
Rnd 12 v Football Kingz (H)	- Lost 2-0
Rnd 11 v Eastern Pride (A)	- Lost 3-1
Rnd 10 v Sydney Olympic (H)	- Lost 3-2

LEADING GOALSCORERS THIS SEASON

Jon Angelucci	5
Alex Castro	5
Mark Hagger	4

COSMOS' GOALS WHEN THEY WERE SCORED



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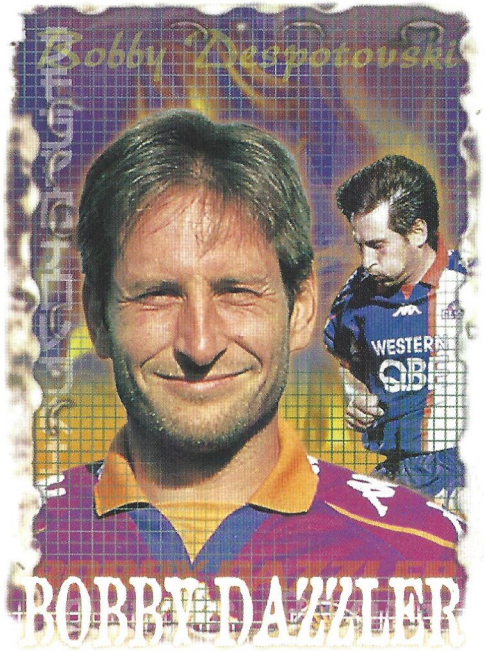

Bobby Despotovski's Perth Glory career didn't begin auspiciously. Back in the Glory's early days, the striker was a recent signing and just minutes into a pre-season friendly against a local league side, he was unceremoniously clattered and carried from the pitch.

Fortunately the injury was not serious, he was soon back on the park and has become one of the team's instantly recognisable and most valuable players.

Now he is forging one of the National Soccer League's most deadly partnerships with fellow frontman Damian Mori.

Despotovski talked to Bob Figg about his new strike partner and the need for the Glory to take out the title this season.

You must be happy with your form this season.
Very pleased. We have played 13 games and I have missed one game with suspension but still scored seven goals, so I am very happy with that.

At times last season, some parts of the crowd seemed to get at you.
Last year the crowd was not too bad until the time I got injured. Then after seven weeks out, the crowd was on my back. I knew I wasn't playing that well, it is difficult to come back after that many weeks out. I think I showed the critics something in the grand final so I was pleased with that.

Does it effect you when people are having a go at you?
It doesn't effect my game. If people are not happy, you try to work harder to please everyone, but you are not going to keep everyone happy when there are 13,000 in the crowd.

This season your partnership with Damian Mori appears to be flourishing.
It took six or seven games to settle in, but now it is working quite well. The record books have it as seven goals for me and 10 for Damian Mori. Nobody has scored more goals than us two. It is not only the goals, but we have played well together, we complement each other. He is fast and I can see when he is going to run so it is working well.

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Do partnerships like this depend just on playing games together or are there other factors in linking well with someone?
It is a matter of the games. Damian spent many seasons with Adelaide under a different coach and a different system of play. When he came here, he changed coach and style of play as well. It took time to settle in but now we are playing quite good football.

One aspect of your game which seems to have changed is that you are not coming so deep to get the ball.
I am not coming back to such deep positions, I am coming maybe five or six metres inside my own half. Before, I was coming into my own backs to defend. By the time I was in front of goal I was so tired I could not have a shot! Now I am playing more in front of goal and not defending quite so much.

Have you set yourself a goalscoring target this season?
To score as many as I can. I don't talk about targets any more.

Now what about the penalty taker's role? You seem to have taken that back from Robbie Trajkovski.
After I got injured, I stopped taking penalties, then when Robbie missed one I was back to the penalties. I have missed only two penalties in my time at the Glory, against Sydney Olympic and South Melbourne in the first season.

There seems to a good spirit in the squad this year.
All the guys we bought this year are professionals and they have come here to do a job for us. They are good characters and they come out with us and we are all close off the park as well. At the end of the day, you cannot have an ego at this club. Playing one good game or 10 good games, it doesn't make you get an ego because of the competition for places.

Wollongong have been playing in the Club World Championships. Does that bring home the impact of the grand final loss?
Every day. I am still thinking about what went wrong that day, but it is in the past.

Does it motivate you for this campaign?
If you are setting team targets this season it has to be the championship. Anything else is failure because we came so close last year, we have to grab it this season.

Who are the big threats?
South Melbourne, Sydney Olympic and Wollongong are still not a bad team. With us, that is the big four and the champion will come from those four this year.

Wins like that against Parramatta are the sort you need to win titles aren't they?
To win it we needed a last-minute penalty. We were pleased with the result. As long as we get three points it doesn't matter how. Last year we didn't play very well in some games but we got the points. There is no point in playing well and getting hammered 4-0.

Bob Figg

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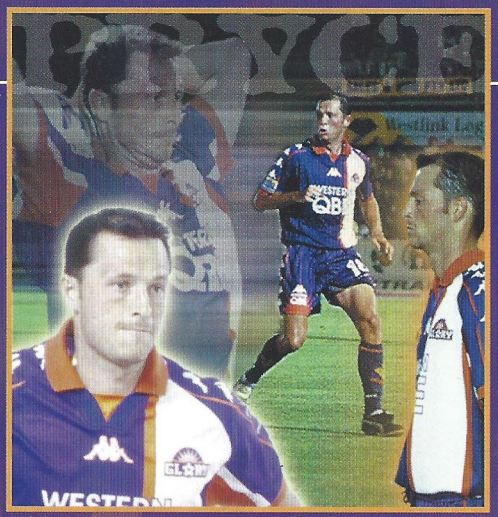

Shane Pryce has had a few football battles in his time, but one of his biggest challenges has come this season in just getting a game every week.

The tall defender, rated by coach Bernd Stange as the best centre-back in the league, admitted he's had to change his attitude.

"I've been looking after myself more in respect to diet and training," he said. "There wasn't too much pressure at Newcastle, but here you know there are two or three guys who could take your place every week."

It's a challenge Pryce has relished and he has never regretted leaving the coal city, describing it as "head down, arse up".

"I'm happy with my soccer, but there's always room for improvement," he added. "I look at my mistakes and try not to make them the next week or the week after.

"It's been head down, arse up. I've not been happy with some of my games, I'd like to be more consistent, playing at a good level every week."

Pryce, the only man to win every Glory-Newcastle fixture, is an easy-going individual, so it's not surprising he should say he's quickly settled into his new home.

"Perth is brilliant," he exuded. "No problems at all. I'm a happy camper, you might say.

"Perth's got great weather, nice people, great women and good pubs. I'm pretty settled."

The Glory have signed the former Newcastle skipper for three seasons, but he can see himself in Perth well beyond the end of his contract and one day joining in the chorus in The Shed.

"I can see myself going to Glory games and going to The Shed on the hill," he said.

But at the moment he's singing of a different harmony - the one in the dressing room.

He believes it's played a big role in the Glory's success this season - which has them two points better than at the same time last year - as well as his own.

"I come from Newcastle where team harmony was second to none and it's running high in Perth Glory at the moment," said Pryce.

"I used to know some of the Glory guys from the early days and I don't think it looked like they were enjoying it so much.

"From when I arrived, I was made to feel welcome. They're a great bunch of blokes."

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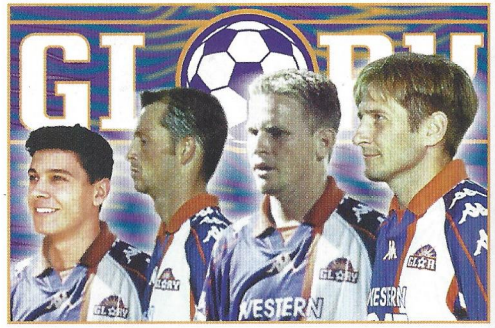
Glory Boys Get Back To Business

The festive season is over once again and as promised, the Glory boys are back in action, out in the community. Damian Mori was spotted at the Morley Sport and Recreation Centre yesterday afternoon assisting with soccer games and signing autographs with some Glory hopefuls.

Friday was a busy day with Bobby Despotovski and Kasey Wehrman taking time out to visit the Ern Halliday Recreation Camp in Hillarys for the Asthma WA Foundation. The pair helped with the organised soccer clinics and were available to meet and chat with fans and sign autographs, before teammates Shane Pryce and Anthony Danze, who recently returned from Samoa with the Australian Under-17 squad, took over.

Asthma programme coordinator and coordinator of this particular camp, Ms Helen Butterfield, said it was tremendous for the children and they'd been eagerly waiting all week for the Glory boys to come along and teach them a couple of tricks.

"They'd all had a great week already," she said, "but they like their soccer and were really looking forward to Friday."



Anthony Danze, Shane Pryce, Kasey Wehrman and Bobby Despotovski sharing their skills with the community.

Player Promotions For The Next Week

Sun Jan 21: Three players (to be confirmed) will be at Esplanade Park in Fremantle between midday and 1:30pm for the annual Fremantle Sardine Festival.
Thurs Jan 25: Rob Trajkovski and Kasey Wehrman will be at Traveland in Innaloo between 7:30pm and 8:30pm.
Sat Jan 27: Two players (to be confirmed) will be at Garden City Shopping Centre between 12:30pm and 2:00pm.

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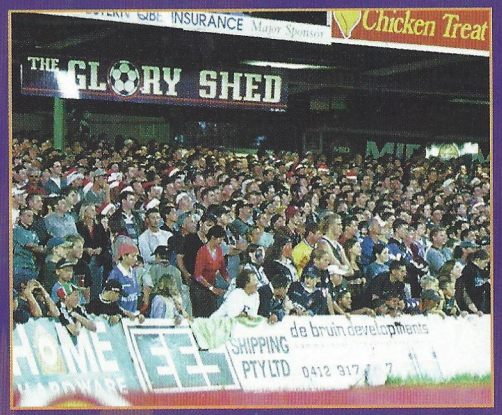
The Glory Shed Supporters Club recently lent support to Warnbro Community High School by purchasing soccer equipment and strips for their teams. The club is supportive of junior soccer and the development of children.

"The development of our junior stars is where we need to invest for the future of soccer and Perth Glory," Glory Shed president Bas Hanna said. "Investing in kids is a win-win situation. They learn to love the game, play for the Glory or become future Glory Shed supporters, so helping them out is very satisfying."

There is a vibrant soccer culture at Warnbro Community High School, where boys and girls teams are always competitive. Last year, one of its junior boys left the school to join the Liverpool FC Academy in England. Furthermore, many of the school's students are Perth Glory fans and the link with the club is growing stronger by the year.



"We at Warnbro appreciate the Glory Shed support as it provides our students with extra resources and facilities," Duncan Sanderson, a teacher at Warnbro CHS said. "Perhaps it may even help to uncover the Scott Miller or Jason Petkovic of tomorrow."

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- Players have to be retired at least three (3) years before being eligible for nomination but non-players can be nominated at any time.

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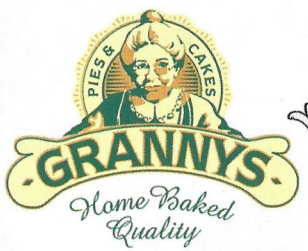

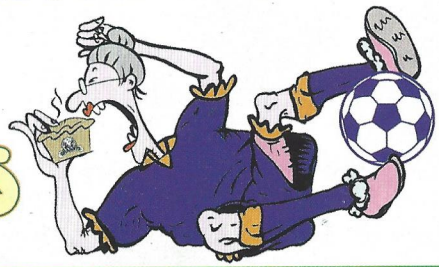

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LJUBO MILICEVIC
TOPPING THE LIST

It comes as no surprise to those who have followed his progress that Ljubo Milicevic has been a star for the Young Socceroos in their recent games against Rangers Under-20s, but it does come as a revelation to find it is his first time on international duty.

Given his brilliant performances at the end of last season and his impressive form since coming into the line-up in Round 4, it seems amazing that the talented teenager had never previously been picked for his country.

"I was very pleased to get the call up, it was my first call up for Australia," he explained before heading off to camp. "I just kept missing out before."

A new coach in the form of Ange Postecoglou saw Milicevic's name pencilled in, not only for the squad, but also as captain and by all accounts he led from the front with an excellent display in the first clash against the Scottish opposition.

The downside of the big defender's call-up for Glory fans is that it could mean he will be but a memory in a Glory shirt.

The two-week camp is part of the build-up to Under-20 World Cup qualifiers throughout February in the Cook Islands. If all goes to plan and Australia qualify, a tour to Japan will follow and then the finals in Argentina in June.

Given the coach's need for stability, it may be that Milicevic will not be playing even when available for the Glory.

In footballing terms an Under-20 World Youth Cup is like the January sales. Agents and scouts swarm around hotels and the players are on display at the highest level. Milicevic is likely to top the shopping lists.

He knows it is a big opportunity to impress.

"Every players sees it that way," he explained. "If the team does well and everyone plays well then I have no doubt players will be picked up by overseas clubs."

He had an opportunity to move before a ball was kicked this season and the ambition still burns within.

"I would have liked to have gone at the start of the season but the club chose not to let me go."

If that was a setback, Milicevic has hidden it well, being a top performer for the Glory and even getting forward to

score against Melbourne Knights, which gave him special pleasure.

"It is always great to score, especially against the club I had supported all my life. It was great to play well in front of my friends and family.

"I am glad to have played here with the Glory, but feel it is time to take the next step."

The player drain to Europe is a bane of Australian soccer but there are perhaps two crumbs of comfort.

One is that even soccer powerhouse nations such as Brazil and Argentina lose their best players to leagues in Spain, Italy and England.

The other is that in Perth Glory, Western Australia has a club which gets to showcase top young talents like Milicevic and his close friend Ivan Ergic, now with FC Basle in Switzerland, having been loaned out by Italian giants Juventus.

The road to stardom is strewn with broken dreams but in Milicevic, Perth Oval regulars may well have seen one of those who will really make it to the top in European football.

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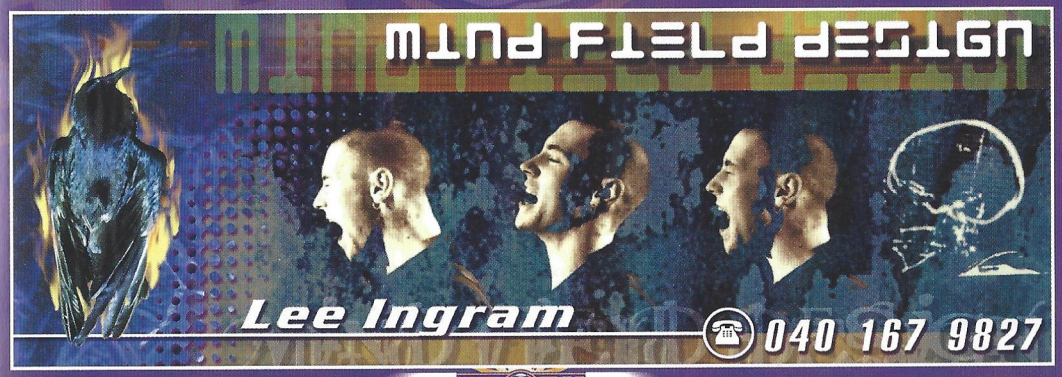

KASEY WEHRMAN

FLIPPING OVER BACKWARDS

Kasey Wehrman hopes to get plenty of chances to perfect his gymnastic backflips, although he has no ambitions of making a career out of them in order to take part in the next Olympic Games in Athens in 2004.

He represented Australia in last year's Olympics in Sydney in the sport that he really wants to get so much better at...soccer. Fortunately for Perth Glory, he is now totally focused on improving his ability to master the world's most popular sport.

After a few traumatic weeks of experiencing the highs and lows of the game late last year...an appearance in the Socceroos brilliant 2-0 win over Scotland in Glasgow followed by disappointing trials with clubs in Belgium and Holland...the 23-year-old has resolved to get his life back on track by enhancing his career with the Glory.

"I said to myself I better start playing properly and doing the right thing or I was just going to go downhill," he said. "It's paying off so far and I'm enjoying my football again."

The backflips were certainly an indication of his state of mind when he celebrated his first goal for the Glory in last week's 3-2 away win over Parramatta Power by executing some gymnastic movements that wouldn't have disgraced the likes of the great Romanian tumbler, Nadia Comeneci.

It was an indication that Wehrman is full of surprises.

"I perfected the backflips when I was a lot younger and used to live in Brisbane," he said. "Along with some mates, we'd do them when we got bored. We'd do it in one of their bedrooms, but got into a bit of trouble when we mistimed them and started putting holes in the wall.

"I did it a few times when I scored some goals for the Brisbane Strikers, but I haven't had many chances of late to claim it as my trademark. I think my last goal was against Marconi when I played for Brisbane well over two years ago."

His Glory goal, however, was well worth the wait...a curling 25-yard free-kick.

It was another surprise, for he hadn't been considered a dead-ball specialist with the Glory. Mind you, he didn't get a chance last season with Con Boutsianis and Troy Halpin hogging all the free-kicks, and this season he's had to contend with the claims of Damian Mori, Rob Trajkovski and Bobby Despotovski.

"I practice free-kicks a lot and I should really be holding up my hand more often to take them," he said. "I just fancied myself with the one last week. A few of the other lads wanted to take it, but it was Frogger (Mori) who insisted that I should have a go. So, credit to him.

"At first I was going to go for the right side of goal, but I noticed the keeper was starting to edge over more towards that side, so I changed my mind at the last minute and went for the left side."

Wehrman was well at home, too, playing central midfield, his favourite position.

"I like it there...I feel I can control things better in that position," he said. "I hope I get a few more chances to play there.

"I think we can only get better as a team. When we were under pressure last week our defence tended to just hit the ball over the heads of the midfielders instead of playing short passes to us and, of course, we conceded possession straight away. We had a few defenders playing in new positions, so it will take a bit of time to work things out, but I've no doubt we will get better and we will be playing better football."

Despite the disappointment of his trials with Belgian side Lierse and Dutch giant PSV Eindhoven, Wehrman still has ambitions to have another bash at playing overseas.

"I'm still young enough and I still think I can do it, but at the moment I'm staying here," said the 23-year-old. "Next time I have a go I want to do everything right. I'll take my time and not rush into things."

Continuing to play at international level could also have a big bearing on his European ambitions, enabling him to stay in the shop window.

He hopes to get a call-up for the Socceroos squad that will compete in the Oceania qualifiers for the World Cup finals in April. Coach Frank Farina is expected to rely heavily on NSL players for the tournament, which will be played at the NSW holiday town of Coffs Harbour.

"I definitely want to be playing well in order to be picked for that squad," said Wehrman.

"I also need to get my number of appearances up, so it might make it easier for me to get a work permit if I have a go at getting a club in England next season."

The enthusiastic Wehrman has also managed to curb his sometimes over-anxious approach, which saw him sent off twice last season and brought him three yellow cards in the games he played before he set off overseas.

"I'm only one yellow away from a suspension, so I've got to be careful," he said. "I'm trying to be more disciplined in everything I do on the pitch. I don't want to miss any games.

"I thought I was going to be booked last week. The referee called me over, I had been doing a bit of swearing after we gave away a silly free-kick. It wasn't anything serious, but I thought he was going to book me. I pleaded with him not to give me a yellow. He said I had done well for 70 minutes and for me to stay cool for the rest of the match and I'd be right."

Kasey Wehrman as Mr Cool? It could just be the approach that earns this gifted player many new accolades...and that ambition to go to the next level.

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BRISBANE STRIKERS

Damian Mori claims his second match ball for the Glory, this time going one better with an amazing four-goal haul.

PERTH GLORY 7 **BRISBANE STRIKERS 2**

Mori 70, 81, 88, 93
Miller 15
Faria 17
Despotovski 51

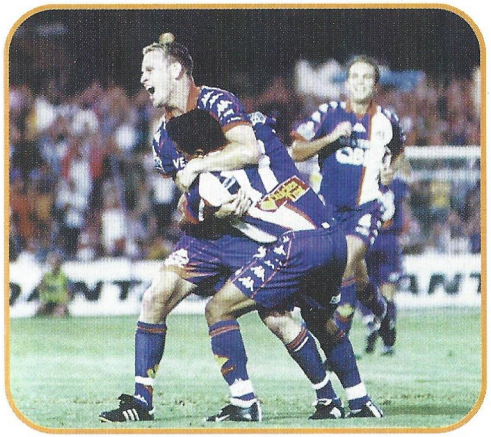
Dwyer 75
Harris 86

Half-Time score 2-0

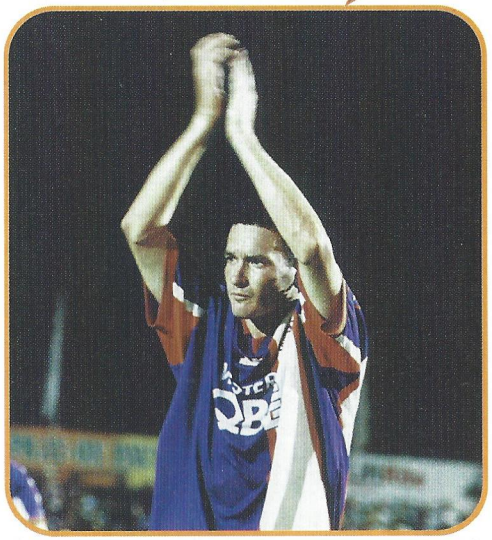
Yellow Cards-
Perth Glory - Edgar Junior
Brisbane Strikers - Nick Meredith, Stuart McLaren, Shane Stefanutto

Attendance- 11,942

Perth Glory set a new club record when they smashed seven goals past a shell-shocked Brisbane at Perth Oval, with Damian Mori scoring four in the second half. To their credit, the Strikers continued to play an open, attacking style and managed to score twice themselves late in the match. After Bobby Despotovski shot just wide in the opening minutes, Scott Miller started the onslaught with a stunning first-time drive from 22 yards that flew into the bottom right corner. Gary Faria made it 2-0 with his first NSL strike two minutes later, turning his opponent in the area and finishing brilliantly from 15 yards. Kasey Wehrman then saw his clever free-kick from an extreme angle tipped onto the crossbar as the Glory threatened to run riot. Shortly after the break, Despotovski increased their lead, firing home from close range after Mori had shown tremendous strength and skill to hold off his man then deliver a perfect low cross. Mori scored his first after 70 minutes when he blasted the ball past Daniel Duke from 10 yards after another powerful run. Peter Dwyer pulled one back for the Strikers with a brilliant low drive from 25 yards just moments after coming off the bench, then Mori restored the four-goal cushion after Duke raced out of his area and was left stranded as Rob Trajkovski delivered a pin-point centre for Mori to head into the empty net. Chay Hews made it 5-2, sidefooting a cross from eight yards past Jason Petkovic. It was 6-2 when John Carbone beat the offside trap and drew Duke, before sliding the ball across for Mori to tap in and complete his second hat-trick of the season. Then deep into injury-time, a similar move saw Despotovski the supplier this time for Mori to complete the rout.



Kasey Wehrman celebrates with Gary Faria after Faria scored his first-ever NSL goal with a memorable 15 yard finish.



Scott Miller opened the scoring for the Glory with his first goal of the season with a scorcher any striker would be proud of.

BEST FOR PERTH GLORY:
Damian Mori, Bobby Despotovski, Gary Faria, Rob Trajkovski

BERND STANGE'S THOUGHTS:
"We had to give an answer for our last match at Perth Oval against Marconi and everybody is happy today."
"I think my team did well today, we played always attacking soccer and we had good teamwork in front of goal."

Subs- John Carbone for Miller (60 mins), Alistair Edwards for Edgar (60 mins), Dion Valle for Milicevic (74 mins)

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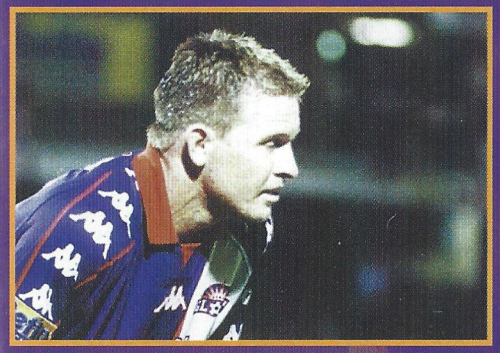

Parramatta Power 2
Miller 39, 68

Perth Glory 3
Mori 34
Wehrman 63
Despotovski 89 (pen)

Half-Time Score: 1-1
Attendance: *5,071*
Yellow Cards:
Perth Glory - Jason Petkovic
Parramatta Power - None

A last-minute penalty by Bobby Despotovski gave the Glory a thrilling 3-2 victory away to top-six rivals Parramatta, after Bernd Stange's side were under siege for the entire second half. In the end it may have been a Houdini-like performance but, with Wollongong's match against Northern Spirit postponed, the three points lifted the Perth side to second on the NSL table. After dominating the opening half an hour, Damian Mori put the visitors ahead when he finished clinically from 15 yards after a superb run forward and clever ball by Jamie Harnwell. David Lee missed a golden chance to equalise immediately, heading over from four yards, but Perth's reprieve was short-lived with Jason Petkovic bringing down Joel Griffiths for a penalty, which Joe Miller easily converted. The home side came out firing after the break and only a goalline clearance by Gary Faria and a brilliant save by Petkovic kept the score at 1-1. Then after 63 minutes, Kasey Wehrman put the Glory ahead for the second time with a stunning free-kick from 25 yards that curled into the top left corner. Again the Power bounced straight back - Miller tapping in from two yards after a great run and cross by Griffiths. Parramatta looked the more likely to grab a late winner but after 89 minutes, Mori found Despotovski who was up-ended in the box after brilliantly turning Alex Tobin and the Glory striker coolly beat Andrew Crews from the spot.

Best For Perth Glory: Kasey Wehrman, Bobby Despotovski, Scott Miller, Gary Faria

Bernd Stange's Reaction:
"We played entertaining and skilful combinational soccer for 30 minutes, then we fell asleep. It is like a 9-5 worker stopping work at 12 o'clock."
"I think anyone who comes to Parramatta must need a little bit of luck if they win three points."

Subs- Brad Maloney for Edwards (75 mins), Craig Deans for Trajkovski (77 mins), John Carbone for Despotovski (89 mins)

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SAINT CACERAS ON BENCH

Perth Soccer Club youngster Adrian Caceras acquired his first taste of Premier League soccer last weekend when he was among the Southampton substitutes for the home game against Charlton which ended 0-0. It has so far topped a remarkable rise for the striker, having only been signed at the start of the season, following a successful trial. Caceras also spent the National Soccer League pre-season training with a number of clubs, including Parramatta Power, who he very nearly signed for.

MITCHELL WANTS INTER-ASIA CUP

Parramatta coach and former Socceroo Dave Mitchell is seeking interest for an International Cup to be played between the cream clubs of Australia and Asia. "You can't tell me it wouldn't create enormous interest and bring in much-needed dollars," said the former Chelsea, Rangers and Selangor striker. "I'm sick of hearing the standard of the national league has slipped. The predicament the game is in here, is that our best young talent is taken away at an early age. Can you imagine what the state of rugby league would be like if 100 players were playing abroad? Unfortunately, that's what Australian soccer has to endure, but I still think the standard is not as bad as some make out. But a club competition involving the best teams from Japan, Korea, China, Singapore, Malaysia and Australia would be sensational."

PRIDE HURT BY WRIT

Bottom club Eastern Pride were issued with a Supreme Court writ mid-week for monies owed to the Latrobe Shire Council. It is reported the debt of $300,000 was officially being issued by the council the same time club directors Fred Di Sipio and Peter Quirk were holding discussions with Tony Schiavello in Melbourne. Previously known as the Gippsland Falcons and before that, the Morwell Falcons, the nine-year-old NSL club has continually struggled to attract healthy crowds and quality signings. Having been through a number of financial problems during a rocky past, Pride directors have made no secret that they want multi-millionaire Schiavello to buy a large slice of the club. Schiavello has already pointed out that should he sink any capital into the Gippsland side, his first requirement would be for the club to relocate to Melbourne, returning to Gippsland to play only once or twice each season.

BREAKAWAY, NONSENSE: SOCCER AUSTRALIA

The prospect that the National Soccer League's leading clubs could breakaway to start a new competition has been described as "nonsense" by Soccer Australia. Former Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett has been making noises about a breakaway league, stating it's the only way to generate interest from media and corporate bodies who have no confidence in the governing body. "There are sponsors out there who I've spoken to in the past who would be prepared to back soccer for a number of years, but they won't get involved while those who are currently administering it continue with the practices of the past," Kennett said. "At some stage, the club presidents have got to say enough is enough. We've got to get serious about soccer in this country. Let's start again. The best way is to move outside the ASF," he said. But Soccer Australia Chief Executive David Woolley believes Kennett has failed to address the restructure process, which will be cut to 12 teams from next season. "At the end of the day we all want the same thing, which is a vibrant, financially sustainable national competition. That's what we're committed to and focussed on and what we're working towards," said Woolley.

SOCCEROOS IN FRIENDLY TALKS

With England thought to be favouring Mexico rather than Australia for a friendly in May, it has since been reported that Frank Farina's boys could be seeing action as soon as next month. Romania, Yugoslavia and Canada are all possible candidates who have been mentioned with regards to playing the Aussie senior side, although discussions with the respective countries' administrators are continuing.

VANIS SAFE: KNIGHTS PRESIDENT

Despite a dismal run of results, Melbourne Knights president Harry Mrksa dismissed speculation about the future of coach Vlado Vanis. The Knights have not won since their victory over Eastern Pride in Round 8, in the first week of December, and have picked up only one point from their past three matches since the team was strengthened by an influx of players from the now defunct Carlton Soccer Club. Vanis, himself a former Knights player, knows all about the revolving-door culture that historically has been in place at Somers Street, but said he was still confident his team could pull out of its slump and string consecutive wins together when the new boys eventually gel into the set up.

FRANCE CLOSES IN ON BRAZIL

The first world rankings of the year were released by FIFA last Wednesday, with very little change to the top ten, although the gap is closing fast between Brazil at number one and reigning World Cup and European Championship holders France, who in turn are being closely challenged by third-placed Argentina. The top ten for January are: Brazil, France, Argentina, Czech Republic, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Netherlands, Yugoslavia and Paraguay. Others placings include: Germany (11th), USA (16th), England (17th), Japan (40th) Greece (43rd) Australia (75th - down 3 places) and New Zealand (90th).

KOREANS ANNOYED BY SECOND PLACING

Japan have angered South Korea by insisting that their name should precede that of their World Cup co-host on the ticket application forms. Korea Football Association president Chung Mong-joon told a news conference: "The event's official title is '2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan.' This is a trademark, and it is just unfortunate that these issues are arising with regards to the World Cup at this moment." The name of the event was agreed four years ago, and is expected to be used extensively by the tournament's sponsors. However, Japan's World Cup committee have now contacted their co-hosts' event panel with the news they are planning to switch the order of names on applications for the tickets. Today marks the start of a 500-day countdown to the World Cup - and tickets are expected to go on sale on February 15.

UNITED TO VISIT SOUTH-EAST ASIA

English giants Manchester United are believed to be planning a three-match tour of Asia in July. According to Asian tour organisers, the Premier League champions will play in Kuala Lumpur on July 21, Singapore three days later, where they will meet a local selection, and Bangkok on July 28. United, looking to help develop the game in Asia, last played in Singapore in 1986.

BECKHAM TO KEEP SKIPPERS' ARMBAND?

Peter Taylor believes David Beckham should continue as England captain for next month's friendly against Spain. Taylor made the Manchester United midfielder his skipper for the friendly against Italy last November. While Taylor, who will initially assist Sven Goran Eriksson on England duty, has yet to give the Swede his opinion on his choice of skipper, he declared: "I thought David Beckham did very well as captain against Italy. So if I had been the one picking the squad against Spain, I would have done exactly the same regarding David, but I'm not picking it any more."

MANCINI IN FOXES TALKS

Former Sampdoria and Lazio striker Roberto Mancini has been having talks over a possible move to English Premier League side Leicester City. Mancini has been heavily linked with a move to the Foxes for quite a while, and the speculation intensified when the former Italian international handed in his resignation at the Italian giants, along with new England coach Sven Goran Eriksson, last week. During his time as the Lazio manager, Eriksson recommended the netburster to Leicester boss Peter Taylor, who has openly been a big admirer of Mancini.

PAKISTAN TO TOUR ENGLAND

Pakistan are preparing to bring their national team to England to play two friendly games against league opposition. Following India's successful trip to England last summer, in which they became the first Asian national team to play a game in the UK (against Fulham), Pakistan have lined up a similar visit in the summer. The aim of the trip is twofold - firstly they aim to increase the profile of Asian football as a global interest and increase the game's profile, whilst also offering their players the showcase they need to be spotted by league scouts and secure lucrative moves to Europe. The two opponents for the 190th ranked nation are still to be named.

HAMMAM EXTINGUISHES SHIRT BURN PLAN

Welsh soccer club Cardiff City has dropped plans to burn the shirts of its English rivals after objections by police and anti-racism groups. Bluebirds' owner Sam Hammam, whose team plays in the English third division, came up with the idea as part of a fan recruiting drive. He offered supporters a Cardiff City shirt at half price in return for an English team shirt which would then be ceremonially burned on March 1, St David's Day. But the move was criticised by police and Kick It Out, an anti-racist group which described it as having "extremely xenophobic and nationalistic overtones".

VAN NISTELROOY ON THE MEND

Champion PSV forward Ruud van Nistelrooy is back in training again after a nine month spell out of the game with a serious cruciate ligament injury. Although he was using the PSV practice pitches, van Nistelrooy was working away from the other PSV players. The 24-year-old's injury cost him a dream transfer to Manchester United and participation at Euro 2000 for Holland. According to his doctor, the recovery is going as well as planned. The attacker has high hopes that he will play again this season adding: "The competition ends in May, and I hope to play some matches again before that."

LEEDS IN ANOTHER COUNTRY TUG-OF-WAR

Just when you think it's only Australia that is snubbed by Leeds United when it comes to releasing Socceroos Harry Kewell and Mark Viduka for national duty, the issue has raised its head once more. Apparently, Leeds and the South African FA are set to clash again over skipper Lucas Radebe's international availability. South Africa face Burkina Faso in a crucial World Cup qualifier on January 27, the same day Leeds entertain Liverpool in an FA Cup fourth round tie. United are understandably reluctant to allow Radebe to play for the Bafana Bafana, who equally want their skipper available for World Cup duty. Leeds manager David O'Leary said he wanted Radebe to stay, claiming that as a player, Radebe should be loyal to the club who pay his wages. Meanwhile, FIFA President Sepp Blatter is to continue his fence-mending mission ahead of next year's presidential elections with a visit to South Africa. Last month, the world soccer boss toured Cameroon, Liberia, Mauritania and Mali in what informed observers described as moves to placate Africans over the loss of the 2006 World Cup hosting rights. His two-day visit to South Africa is being planned from the January 25.

BLAZEVIC IS NEW IRAN BOSS

Former Croatia coach Miroslav Blazevic (65) has signed a two-year contract to run Iran's national team. Blazevic resigned from Croatia last October after six years at the helm. He helped the newly-independent nation qualify for Euro '96 in England and the World Cup in France in 1998 when Croatia finished third. But the team failed to qualify for Euro 2000. Meanwhile, former Asian Player of the Year, Khodadad Azizi, has signed a five-month contract with Al Nassr of the United Arab Emirates. The 29-year-old Iranian international striker was released by the North American San Jose Earthquakes at the end of last year after failing to impress during the 2000 Major League Soccer season. Azizi, who previously played for Cologne in the Bundesliga and who scored the equalising goal that destroyed Australia's France '98 hopes, has signed for the Dubai-based club in a deal worth AU$288,000.

CHILAVERT UNSETTLED IN FRANCE

Argentine club Boca Juniors have turned down a chance to sign fiery Paraguayan goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert, who is at odds with his new French team Strasbourg. The goalscoring goalkeeper, who joined Strasbourg from Argentine side Velez Sarsfield last year, has disappointed so far for the French first division side. Chilavert conceded nine goals in six first-team appearances before the winter break and then refused to be a substitute in a game at Bastia.

EVERTON'S KINGS DOCK VISION FADES

Everton's dreams of a new stadium on the Kings Dock site is diminishing thanks to one of the club's former directors. Sir Desmond Pitcher, a former deputy chairman at Goodison, heads a consortium set to rival Everton's bid to develop the prestigious waterfront site in Liverpool. The consortium, North Star, has unveiled its plans to turn the dock site into what it calls, 'a city within a city', and the scale of its £270m (AU$713m) proposal suggests that Everton could well have a massive job on its hands to compete with such an ambitious project. In view of the recent news that Liverpool Football Club is seeking a new home away from Anfield in the wake of massive resistance from local residents to a new stadium being built on Stanley Park, talk has re-emerged of the possibility of the two major Merseyside clubs sharing a new stadium. Liverpool City Council spokesman Joe Kenny said it would make sense for both clubs to be involved in one super stadium which would cater for international as well as major domestic sport.

TRINIDAD APPEAL ELCOCK BAN

The Trinidad and Tobago Football Federation (TTFF) has launched an appeal against a three-match ban on defender Ansil Elcock which will keep him out of three World Cup qualifying fixtures. FIFA imposed the suspension last week after studying video evidence of Elcock's red card tackle on Mexico's Cuauhtemoc Blanco in a qualifier last October which could keep Blanco out for seven months. Elcock was also banned for three months from his US Major League Soccer club Columbus Crew.

BIRMINGHAM IRATE OVER DATE CHANGE

Birmingham City have criticised the Football League after being ordered to postpone next Wednesday's League Cup semi-final second leg match against Ipswich Town. The League instructed first division Birmingham to move the tie at St Andrews from January 24 to January 30 to avoid a clash with neighbouring Aston Villa's home game against Leeds United. Police fear security problems if four sets of supporters are allowed to mix in Birmingham city centre on the same night. While accepting the decision, Birmingham City's managing director Karren Brady described it as "both unreasonable and unfair" as most of the tickets had already been sold. She said the Football League, which organises the League Cup and all English professional clubs outside the Premier League, should not have agreed to move the game. "It is interesting to note that the Premier League have not asked Aston Villa to move their game," she said.

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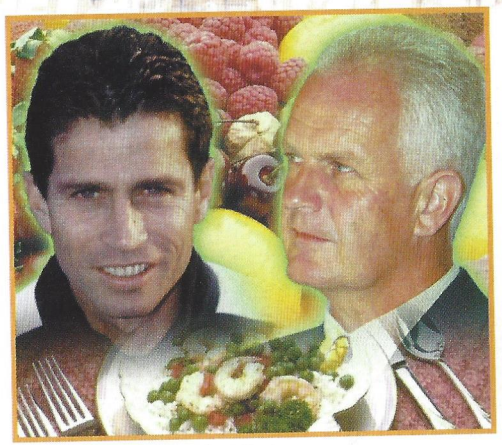


Breakfast With A Difference

It's not every day you get the opportunity to sit down for breakfast with Frank Farina, so don't miss out when the Socceroo coach heads a list of local soccer identities at the mid-season Perth Glory breakfast at the Mercure Hotel on Friday February 9. Farina will be available to talk about all things soccer, including his plans and progress as the Socceroos step up the pace in their attempt to qualify for the 2002 World Cup. He'll also join Radio 6PR's George Grljusich, The West Australian's Mel Moffat and coach Bernd Stange on a panel, as they reflect on the NSL season to date. The function commences at 7:00am, with tickets available to all supporters at a cost of $30 per head (tables of 10 are available). But hurry because seats are strictly limited and will go quickly. For more information and bookings, please contact Silvana at Perth Glory on 9383 9911.

Happy Fifth Birthday

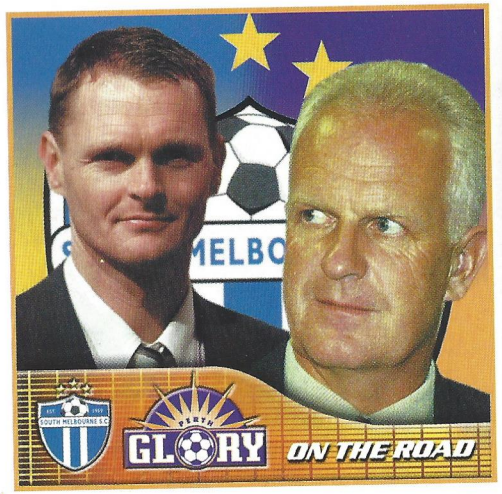
Perth Glory will be holding a special five-year commemorative function at Cinema City on Monday February 12 to recognise all supporters who have been Perth Glory members or season ticket holders since the club entered the NSL in 1996/97. Prior to the screening of the movie "Almost Famous", there will be cocktail drinks with the Glory players and each of the 790 supporters will receive an official certificate of appreciation. Invitations are in the mail!

One Million People Found Glory Last Month

The official Perth Glory website just keeps getting bigger and better, with over one million hits (1,004,548) recorded in December alone. With so many new and exciting features and loads of competitions, it's easy to see why. So if you aren't one of those million people, don't miss out - click onto **www.perthglory.com.au** and discover for yourself that seeing really is believing.

Big Screen Clash Of The Titans

As anyone who saw Perth's thrilling last-gasp win over Parramatta last week will tell you, if you can't be at the Glory's match itself, watching it on the big screen at the Hotel Ibis in Perth is the next best thing. And it's back again with coverage of the Round 17 clash on Sunday February 4 between Bernd Stange's boys and South Melbourne, in what many are already tipping as a preview of the grand final. Once again the cost of tickets is $12 which includes a buffet meal and the offer is open exclusively to members and season ticket holders. Live coverage of the match starts at 2:00pm, with doors opening at 1:00pm. As for past screenings, members or season ticket holders numbers will need to be quoted upon entry. For bookings, please contact Silvana at Perth Glory on 9383 9911.

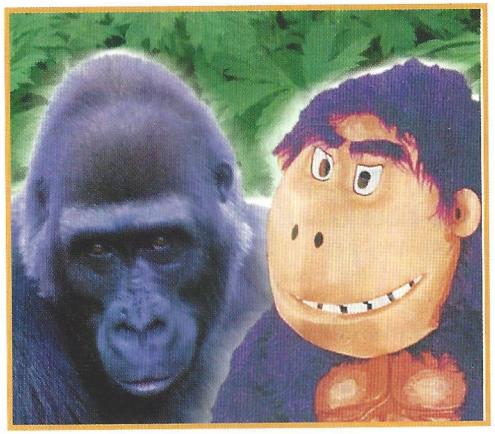


Perth Glory Family Day - Sunday March 4

The Perth Glory Family Day is without doubt one of the big social events of the year for Glory fans, and it's not too far away now. Sunday March 4 is the important date to remember and once again, it will take place at Perth Oval between 4:00pm and 7:00pm. As usual, there will be heaps of free entertainment for the whole family and all your favourite Perth Glory players and coaches will be there to sign autographs and have a chat.

A Big Thank You From Perth Glory

Perth Glory would like to thank all the event staff who very kindly donated their time last Sunday to assist with the Peters Glory Squad Zoo Party. They cooked what seemed to be an endless supply of sausages to the appreciative...and very hungry...Peters Glory Squad members and their parents, ensuring everyone was happy and full of energy for the excitement and fun that lay ahead. Once again, it was a huge success with free face painting, a juggling clinic, free carousel rides, competitions and the chance to meet the Glory players and get their autographs...then of course there were the animals themselves and the informative talks by the zookeepers...yes , it certainly was a memorable afternoon.



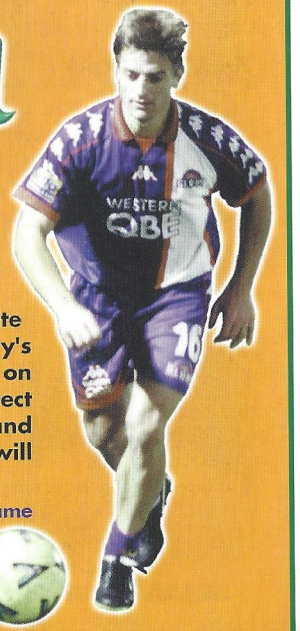
Harvey Fresh

Score with Perth Glory and Harvey Fresh!

You might not make the Glory bench but anyone can win a spot on the Harvey Fresh bench. Each home game Harvey Fresh will give away one double pass to enjoy the Glory's match from their own bench. All you have to do to enter is write on the back of an envelope who you think will score Perth Glory's FIRST goal at our next home game against Wollongong Wolves on January 27, along with your name and phone number. All correct entries will go into a draw and the winner will be drawn out and notified. In the event that no correct entry is drawn the prize will be awarded to the first incorrect entry.

Nobody picked Scott Miller as the Glory's first scorer in our last home game against Brisbane. The first entry drawn was B James of Hamilton Hill.

Please address entries to Harvey Fresh First Goal Competition, PO Box 44, Floreat 6014.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Perth Glory are now in their fifth season and although we've seen many players move on for various reasons during that time, it's always nice to follow the progress of former players. "Where are they now?" provides an update on some of these players who are still playing in the NSL or overseas.

Danny HAY
- Played a full game for Leeds United reserves who beat Liverpool reserves 2-1 away on January 2, but was not in the Leeds squad that beat Manchester City 4-0 away on January 13.

Ivan ERGIC
- The Swiss first division is currently in recess and Ergic will resume playing for FC Basel when the winter break is completed.

Danny MILOSEVIC
- Made his comeback from an ankle injury but remained on the bench in Leeds reserves' 2-1 win against Liverpool reserves and was not in the first team squad that beat Manchester City last weekend.

Troy HALPIN
- Round 13: Played a full game for Sydney Olympic in their 3-1 win at home to Sydney United.
  Round 14: Played a full game for Olympic in their 1-0 win away to Newcastle.

Con BOUTSIANIS
- Round 13: Was sent off for South Melbourne after just 15 minutes in their 0-0 draw away to Eastern Pride.
  Round 14: Missed South Melbourne's 3-0 win at home to the Football Kingz due to suspension.

Vas KALOGERACOS
- Round 13: Came on after 21 minutes in Souths' draw against the Pride.
  Round 14: Started the match for South Melbourne and scored his side's second goal before being replaced after 78 minutes in Souths' win against the Kingz.

James AFKOS
- Round 13: Was replaced at half-time for Marconi Stallions in their 2-2 draw at home to Newcastle.
  Round 14: Was replaced after 56 minutes in Marconi's impressive 4-1 win away to Melbourne Knights.

Hamilton THORP
- Round 13: Did not play for Parramatta Power in their 3-0 loss away to Adelaide City Force.
  Round 14: Came on after 75 minutes and almost scored an injury-time equaliser for the Power in their 3-2 loss at home to former club Perth Glory.

Vasko TRPCEVSKI
- Round 13: Did not play for Newcastle United in their 2-2 draw away to Marconi Stallions.
  Round 14: Did not play for Newcastle in their 1-0 loss at home to Sydney Olympic.

John MARKOVSKI
- Is currently without an NSL club after Carlton were removed from the league.

Gianfranco CIRCATI
- Is currently playing as a sweeper for Italian Serie B side Cagliari.

DANNY HAY

JOHN MARKOVSKI

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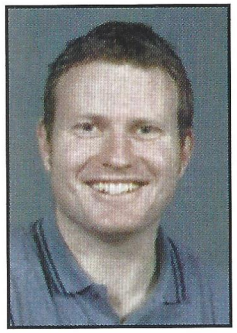
Guest writer Duncan Sanderson.

It amazes me the huge expectation put on the Glory to be so successful. Not just winning games, but winning them by a bagful of goals with plenty of flair. However, loyal fans stick by their team through thick and thin, and that is what makes winning trophies so sweet. Thankfully, the Glory has experienced few lean times but it is in those periods that you often find the games mean the most.

My all-time classic game therefore takes me back to the debut season where the Glory came, wooing all before it, and I was a season ticket holder just happy to be at a match. Those sun-drenched Sunday arvos shouting in The Shed for a team that was playing for local pride more than anything else. They battled away all season and almost reached the finals with a squad, in comparison to our current one, that was based around some seasonal journeymen, the cream of our local league and a sprinkling of young talent. They literally played their hearts out for the fans.

The match itself was the Christmas fixture against the Melbourne Knights, which we scraped home 3-2 after the usual dose of see-sawing antics. I had my mate over from Sydney and being the huge soccer fan he is, there was not anything he wanted to do more than stand in The Shed. The day was warm and the atmosphere was awe-inspiring, with the crowd seemingly lifting the roof off with every roar.

The game sprung into action with the Glory playing in their usual swashbuckling style buoyed on by 15,000 fans. The Glory ran all over the Knights in the first half and we went in with a comfortable 2-0 lead at half-time. The crowd were delirious and The Shed triumphantly sang of winning the league. However, all was to change after the restart where the Glory went cold, tiring when we needed legs. Like most visiting teams to Perth Oval, this was the Knights' cup final and they sensed the tide was turning.

The crowd sat dumfounded as the Knights scored two quick goals to draw level. It was now game-on as both teams threw any remaining defensive principles out of the window. The heat was daunting and as players launched themselves into tackles, mistakes were to be made. With only a minute to go, people around us talked of hanging on for a draw. The players were exhausted and one point is better than nothing. One last effort as Bobby surged forward. With the Knights defenders frantically hoofing it anywhere, the ball lobbed outside the box and before anyone could really register what was happening, up stepped Scott Miller to fire in one of the best volleys you will ever see at this ground. It was absolute pandemonium!

To this day, I remember my mate from Sydney going berserk as we hugged absolute strangers. It was like winning a cup final. The ground erupted. Moments later and the final whistle was greeted with unbridled euphoria from fans and players alike. We proceeded to go into Northbridge to celebrate and it seemed everywhere we went that night there were Glory fans singing into their beers.

It was a dawning of a new era for football in this state, one of which is still developing. Perhaps in years to come, I can look through my rose-tinted glasses and tell my grandkids of local players like Scott Miller and Gareth Naven. Just as my grandad did to me about the Newcastle greats of yesteryear.

WIN WITH Traveland

A TRIP FOR TWO TO THE GOLD COAST.

All entries published will be in the running to win this fabulous trip for two at the end of the season. Send in a review of your most memorable Perth Glory game, along with your photo, to:
Gold Coast Competition PO Box 44, Floreat 6014.

Want to voice your opinions about the club? Or share some of your Glorious experiences? Or even your feedback or advice on our publication? Please try to keep all letters to under 200 words and if applicable we will gladly print any accompanying photographs you wish to send in.
Then please send your letters to: Glory Mailbag, PO Box 44 Floreat 6014

Let The Record Speak

Dear Editor,

I am 76 and have been to every Perth Glory home match except the game against Adelaide last season when I was too ill to make it and I think the team has done tremendously well to get where they have in such a short time. These days people are far too quick to jump on a team if they have a couple of not so good results. Not everyone can be at the top all the time and Bernd Stange has done a very good job in the time he's been coach (and so did Gary Marocchi before him) but everyone can make mistakes - soccer is a game of opinions and as a coach, sometimes they are good, sometimes not. However, when you look at Stange's record - preliminary finalists the first year, then grand finalists after finishing top of the league last year - that's not a bad record and one most coaches would love to have, so good luck Bernd Stange and Perth Glory.

Yours sincerely,
Edward Robertson, Nedlands.

Finding Glory

Dear Glory,

Just a short letter to congratulate everyone involved with making a Perth Glory home match such a wonderful day. We have just moved over from New South Wales where we occasionally watched Sydney Olympic play and the difference is amazing. From the off-the-pitch entertainment to the post-match functions and the programme itself, everything is done so professionally and appears to run so smoothly. Our two little ones love going to the games and we really look forward to each Perth Glory match.

From the converted Glory fans,
Jim and Valerie Hamilton.

Best Wishes For Vinko

Dear Glory,

I am just writing to pass on my best wishes for Vinko Buljubasic. Having attended a few training sessions and club functions, I was distraught when I had heard Vinko had re-injured himself. It is a shame to see such a great athlete and true gentleman struggle so hard to regain his fitness only to injure himself again. Keep your chin up and keep up the hard work and hopefully we'll see you back on the field in the future.

Regards Bob Daniels

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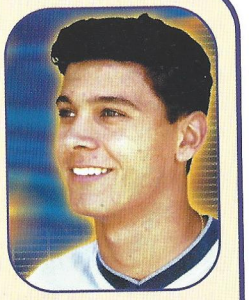


1. Who was the first Glory player to be sent off in an NSL match?
2. Which Glory player most recently became a father for the first time?
3. Who wore number eight for the Glory last season?
4. How many goals did Anthony Danze score in the recent Under-17 World Cup qualifiers in Samoa?
5. How many of the current Glory squad have played for the Socceroos (the full Australian side)?
6. Which former Carlton star joined South Melbourne recently?
7. Who won the NSL's wooden spoon last season?
8. Who won the inaugural Club World Championship in Brazil last year?
9. Which country denied the Socceroos a place at the 1998 World Cup in France in that fateful match at the MCG?
10. Which English Premier League club does Mark Schwarzer play for?

Answers on page 46

PARTY WITH PJ

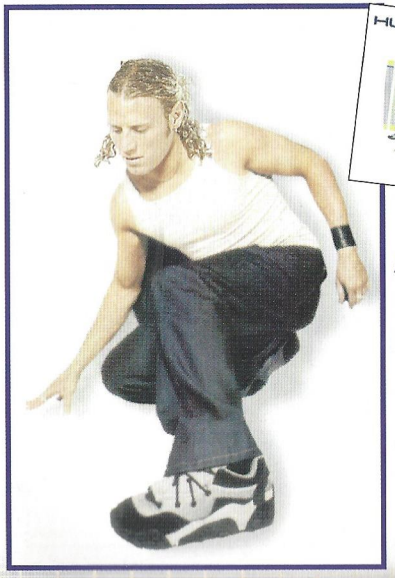
Each home game, **SONY** will be giving away a fabulous music CD or an exciting Playstation game to one lucky Glory fan. To be in the running, answer the following simple question and send your answer on the back of an envelope, along with your name and contact details, to SONY Competition, PO Box 44, Floreat, 6014 before Tuesday January 23.

How many goals did Buljan score for Canberra Cosmos?

PJ, what did you think of this week's game?

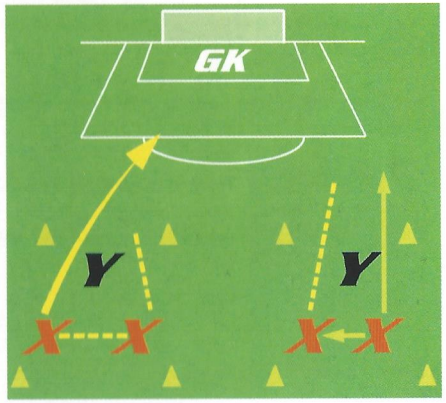
It's great to welcome Peter Buljan's and my old club, Canberra Cosmos, to town for tonight's game. Under the guidance of the gentleman Scotsman, Tom Sermanni, I'm sure they will give us a tough encounter this evening. "Tough" is a word that can also describe Human Nature's new image as they follow in the footsteps of some of America's best R&B stars. Their new self-titled album is testimony to their growing musical sophistication. The four school friends who first arrived on the scene in 1997 have developed a harder image over time but have still maintained an unassuming and down-to-earth attitude that has endeared them to critics and fans alike. My old Cosmos teammate Andy Ravanello is a big fan of Human Nature, with the "red-headed raver" having a collection of "boy band" albums that could well be mistaken for any 15-year-old girl's collection. Human Nature's new album is an interesting mix of soul grooves and Motown influenced ballads, with many of the songs very much suited to any kissing and cuddling occasion! Track five "House of Cards" is my personal favourite. It's great to have my roommate, Ljubo, back in town after a successful camp with the Australian Youth Squad. Although I'm not sure where Prycey and Kasey are going to sleep now. What is even better to have back in the household is his mighty fine dance moves. In particular his rendition of Human Nature's dance steps in the hit single "He Don't Love You" being displayed around the kitchen. Welcome back Ljubes!

Last weeks winner was Jarryd Milligan.
The correct answer was 6 goals.



SMARTER THAN SMOKING SOCCER SKILLS WITH MICH d' AVRAY

A two versus one situation. Team **X** must get past player **Y** and then advance on goal. They must finish with a strike or dribble the ball round the goalkeeper and score.



MASCOTS

Our lucky mascots at our last home game against Brisbane Strikers were Jacob Steeson (Chicken Treat) and Ben Host (Peters Glory Squad) pictured here with Coach Bernd Stange.

Sony Man Of The Match - It's Amori

It's difficult to go past anyone who scores four goals in one game. So despite the Glory's 7-2 trouncing of Brisbane a fortnight ago being a complete team effort, Damian Mori's four strikes in the final 20 minutes ensured he was named Sony Man of the Match. He also set Bobby Despotovski's goal up and, while his goals weren't the most difficult he's ever scored, it was vintage Mori as he showed all his predatory instincts and positional awareness to be in the right place at the right time.

Kasey Head Over Heels With Delight

It might have been a while since Kasey Wehrman scored an NSL goal but, as he showed last week, he certainly hasn't forgotten how to celebrate, delighting teammates with a trademark backflip after his spectacular 25-yard free-kick hit the back of the net. Wehrman joined the growing list of Glory players who've scored their first goal for the club this season. Three of the new signings, Damian Mori, Brad Maloney and Shane Pryce, all got off the mark early in the campaign, while more recently, John Carbone, Edgar Junior and Gary Faria all scored, not only their first Glory goal, but their first in the NSL.

Tommi Saved By A Cool Breeze

Tommi Tomich could have been excused for suddenly getting sweaty palms at about the 40-minute mark of last week's game against Parramatta. Normally with Jason Petkovic between the posts, Tomich could just about afford to have a nap, knowing that barring something unforseen happening to the superstar keeper, he would be a spectator. But when Petkovic brought down Joel Griffiths in the area and conceded a penalty, the apprentice custodian's heart must have been pounding as referee Matthew Breeze reached for his cards. Fortunately for the Glory, Mr Breeze only brought out the yellow variety when he could quite justifiably have sent Petkovic off.

Thorp Couldn't Take The Glory

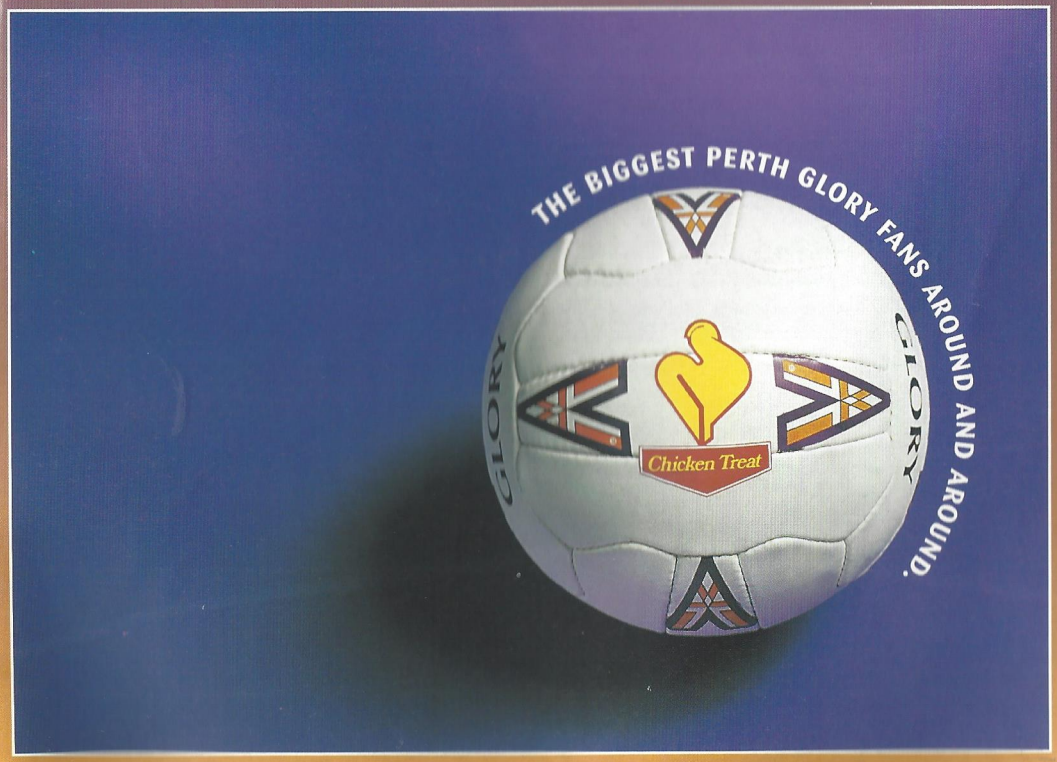
When former Glory player Hamilton Thorp came on for Parramatta with just 15 minutes remaining, and the match locked at 2-2, it had all the makings of another dramatic "pay-back", a la the Round 11 match at Perth Oval when ex-Glory player James Afkos returned to haunt his former club with the decisive goal. And while he couldn't win the game, Thorp very nearly made it 3-3 in injury-time, his goalbound header looking to take a deflection off the arm of a Glory player, before going behind for a corner. What price Hammy being able to keep his shirt on if it had dropped in?

Scott Miller's Glorious Gift To Little Jessica

It's been a busy fortnight for Scott and Georgie Miller after the birth of their first child, a baby girl on January 4, and there was no doubt little Jessica was still at the forefront of Miller's mind when he opened the scoring against Brisbane at the Glory's last home match with a sizzling first-time drive from 22 yards that flew into the bottom left corner of the net. For anyone left wondering about his rather unusual celebration, that was the Glory version of Bebeto's rocking the baby, made famous by the Brazilian at the World Cup in 1994.

Happy Birthday Brad Maloney

Congratulations and happy birthday to Brad Maloney who turned 29 yesterday. After a brilliant start to his Glory career, Bugsy will no doubt be keen to rediscover that form after recovering from an ankle injury.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

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